Manistee City Planning Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

February 4, 1988

The regular meeting of the Manistee City Planning Commission was held on Thursday, February 4th, 1988 at 7:15 P.M. in Room 206, Second Floor Conference Room, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 P.M. by Chairman Robert Mattice.

MEMBERS PRESENT: J. Faher, D. Johnson, Liz Laskey, R. Mattice, R. Metcalf

R. Yoder

MEMBERS ABSENT: W. Linke, A. Slawinski, D. Sullivan

OTHERS PRESENT: Bonnie Swidorski; Ben Bifoss, City Manager; Gerald Superczynski,

City Manager

It was moved by Yoder, supported by Faher, that the minutes be approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Next, Bonnie Swidorski discussed the possibility of her requesting a zoning change from R-2 to B-1 for her home at 184 Washington Street and the home next door at 192 Washington Street (Ramsdell & Benedict's North Addition, Block 1, Lots 4,5,6 & East 35' of Lot 7). She is considering the request to permit her to operate any or all of the following on the site: fruitmarket, flower & gift boutique, sports center, arts & crafts with sales rooms for rent, antiques, stainglass works & Northwood League of Artists. At the current time she does not own or have an option on 192 Washington Street parcel. It was suggested that with the aid of an attorney, she purchase or obtain an option on the parcel and iron out other details before she begins the rezoning process.

Next, discussion followed on the status of the Master Plan with the City Manager in regards to critique provided us by Kurt Schindler. Bifoss felt a long range capital development plan should be included, but that it would require some time to develop. It was felt that we should proceed to complete those portions of the plan that we are able, make a notation in the plan that the Zoning Ordinances and the Capital Development Plan would be added later, and proceed to hold hearings and prepare to have it adopted. After adoption we would begin work on the Zoning Ordinance portion then the Capital Development. Johnson was directed to contact Andy Bowman to see if we could obtain a diskett of the Master Plan so that we could impliment any needed changes.

Next, Lakeview Dunes project was briefly discussed. Johnson advised that ten bids have been received to plat the area, but that the committee could not make any recommendations until the bids are studied further. It was moved by Faher, supported by Metcalf, to authorize the Lakeview Dunes Subcommittee (Johnson & Sullivan) to review the bids with the City Manager and to make the final recommendation on behalf of the Planning Commission directly to the City Council. MOTION CARRIED.

Next, Faher gave a DDA update in regards to the lighting project.

There were no reports on the Zoning Board of Appeals, Site Plan Review or Historic Overlay Committees.

Mattice gave a report on the Priorities & Goals Meeting that he attended on January 13th.

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Next, Mattice read the following correspondences:

1. A Letter from the DDA regarding forming a liason committee between the two groups. Bob Metcalf was appointed to represent the Planning Commission.

2. A letter from the City Manager indicating that the Feagins group have withdrawn their bid on the Northshore property. The group indicated that they did not blame the city nor the planning commission for the failure of the project plans but rather the current market.

3. A letter from Jerome B. Seward, Michigan Dept. of Transportation in regards to proposed changes in traffic circulation as proposed in the Master and DDA plans.

 Letter from the Wayne Linke, resigning from the planning commission due to health reasons.

Next, the annual election of officers was held.
Mattice was nominated for chairman by Faher, but declined. After much discussion
Faher was nominated for chairman by Mattice, Yoder was nominated for vice
chairman and Johnson for secretary. There being no further nominations, an
unanimous ballot was cast.

Next, the following appointments were made for the next year:

Planning Commission representative(s) on the:

a. Zoning Board of Appeals - Johnson

b. County Plat Coordination Committee- Yoder (along with the City Manager)

c. Northshore Advisory Committee- Mattice, Faher, Sullivan

d. Site Plan Review & Historic Overlay Committee- Faher, Sullivan, Johnson

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

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Denis R. Johnson, Secretary